

Soul Gift

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.” Colossians 3:12

We begin to dream a little bolder as the earth emerges to green, but some of us emerge all year long. That is how it was for Abraham, our 16th president. Abraham Lincoln, who was given his deep roots and education from a family who had little, surprisingly became synonymous with character. Abraham who was described as frumpy most of the time became a revered leader. Honest Abe is quoted, “I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life.” It was this hope, this dream, this prayer that hung around like a suit of bold confidence long after his Mom. Seemingly prayers have the audacious ability to give someone a dream — and not only this; the Creator has the potential to slowly unroll a prayer like a bold, red royal carpet long after our days together.

In a quite different decade where cars whiz on free-ways and computers and phones share our acknowledgments, prayers continue to have the potential to usher the same faithfulness in and for one another. That is how it was for Esmeralda who emerged to fullness by holding others up in a prayer behind the scenes.

Esmeralda or Ezzy for short, made her home amongst the neighborhood and had a door that was wide open. Oh surely she closed it, but figuratively, Ezzy was open to all shades and sizes of people. Her long brown arms seemed to encircle every kid near, even if they were 45 or 82. She made you feel like it was your birthday or perhaps better said, like when time had not pushed you down a peg. There was food for people who were really hungry and some of it was sandwiches piled high with

loads of turkey, but most of the “food” Ezzy served had to do with a whole different kind of hunger. Then, she served lavish helpings of quiet, mixed with “Ohs,” “I sees” and “hmms.” Ezzy heard straight from her heart. Yep, quiet was what enveloped around you and that comfortable, silent, holy space said it all because you knew somehow she knew God. We might call Ezzy a supermom, although officially she was a mother to none. Nevertheless, Ezzy was a mother to most anyone who needed one every day. I guess sometimes official simply does not have a place in real life.

Perhaps you know a parent, a friend, a neighbor or a super dad or mom like this? If you do, you know that the wisdom of their gift is stillness which somehow offers your soul ample time and trust to try on a few things until it is you who is revealed. Profound sages of humanity understand aspirations are possibilities waiting like seasons which have not been lived and like suits of clothing that have not been grown into.

I often think these sorts of people who let still small voices be heard are exquisite, rare gifts. They remind us of Jesus, the God-man, who lingered at tables with outdated sorts, invited bands of frumpy amateurs to lead and touched folks on the fringe. Jesus, who lives with us in our worst mistakes and on our most celebratory moments — it is this Jesus, that is still most interested in touching a heart, clinging like Lincoln’s mom’s prayer and Ezzy, the supermom — one dream at time. It’s official; it is this Spirit that clings to us, adorning us in patience, meekness, kindness and humility.

Happy Mother’s Day from WBLUMC and the Prayer Team!

Prayer at WBLUMC

One way our church helps nourish and support the hungers of life is through prayer. If you have a special need or celebration that could use extra care, we invite you to partake in one of these prayer avenues. If your spirit has the need to support others through prayer, we invite you to join in one of the teams.

**The Prayer Team:** If you would like to request a prayer from this team, please write it on a prayer request card or contact Julie Jacot at 651-777-3728 or [ljjacot@q.com](mailto:ljjacot@q.com).

**The Email Prayer Chain** accepts requests by contacting a pastor or leader Ronda Nelson, [rondalauva2@msn.com](mailto:rondalauva2@msn.com).

**The Phone Prayer Chain** is organized through the UMW. If you would like to request a prayer, call Eva Shipley at 651-429-3570.



9am Worship - Sunday, May 13, 2018 - Mother's Day

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE; PLEASE SEE USHERS ♦ PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

“On every level of life, from housework to heights of prayer, in all judgment and efforts to get things done, hurry and impatience are sure marks of the amateur.” ~ Evelyn Underhill

“Compassion is the sometimes fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside somebody else’s skin. It's the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too .” ~ Frederick Buechner

PRELUDE “All Glory Be to God On High” arr. Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME

+OPENING WORDS (responsively)  
Come, Holy spirit, send forth from heaven the ray of thy light:  
**Come, Mother and Father of the poor,  
Come, giver of gifts,  
Come, light of hearts.**

Thou best of consolers, sweet guest of the soul, sweet refreshment.  
**In labor, thou art rest,  
In heat, the tempering,  
In grief, the consolation.**

+OPENING HYMN “Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart” No. 160  
1 – all, 2 – women, 3 – *a cappella*, 4 – men, 5 – all

UNISON PRAYER  
**Once more, Holy God, the earth has turned toward the light of the sun. As we are bathed in the light of a new day, so may we greet the dawning of fresh possibility. Once more, we awaken from our slumber. As our bodies rise to meet the challenges and pleasures of living, so may our hearts and minds open with promise. And once more, we gather for worship. As we join our voices in word and song, so may this assembly bring honor to your creation and glory to its Creator. Amen.**

ANTHEM “Love, Love, Love” Cherub Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
*After the children’s message, children and youth will stay with their families for worship. Sunday school will resume on June 3.*

ANTHEM “O Magnum Mysterium” (O Great Mystery) Morten Lauridsen  
*See insert for text and translation*

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SPEAKER Matthew Goinz

+HYMN “Come, My Way, My Truth My Life” No. 164

CONNECTION CARDS “Spirit of the Living God” Daniel Iverson  
*Please take time now to fill out your green connection cards. After the prayer of dedication, you can place them in the offering plates as they are passed to you.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING “Prayer” Michael Larkin

SPECIAL MUSIC “LUX AETERNA”  
By Morten Lauridsen  
*Please see insert for text and translation*  
Chancel Choir and Guest Musicians

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE “Toccata” Aram Khachaturian

IN MEMORIAM

The white rose on the altar is in memory of WBLUMC member Kris Goodwin, who died Wednesday, May 9. Her funeral will be at the church at 11am Tuesday, May 15, with visitation at 10am and a luncheon after the service. Please remember Courtney, their children Kirsten and Curtis and their families in your prayers.

Today’s altar flowers were styled by the WBLUMC Youth Group for Mother’s Day.

Summer worship starts May 27: one service at 10am!

DREAM CATHCERS: Last week of our spring sermon series!

Confirmation Sunday, May 20: God Only Has Us

Thank you to today’s musicians

Guest Musicians  
Elizabeth Windnagel, soprano  
Sophie Amelkin, soprano  
Beth Bayley, mezzo soprano  
Kristina Rodel Sorum, mezzo soprano  
Jacob Christopher, tenor  
Samuel Green, bass

Chancel Choir  
Soprano

Gloria Anderson  
Patricia Guenther  
Denise Kerr  
Amy McNabb  
Carolyn Sayles  
Carrie Sinclair  
Devon Sinclair  
Nancy Willson

Alto  
Joy Ballou  
Stephanie Boening-Ondik  
Marcia Lantto  
Emma Perreira

Tenor  
David Bennett  
Steve Peterson  
Kyle Schwartz, Choral Scholar

Bass  
Tom Brink  
Rick Flynn  
Paul Gutmann, Choral Scholar  
Dan Huntwork  
Curt Keller  
Conrad Leighton  
Jim McCarthy  
Jack Sigler

**Choir Director** Matthew Goinz  
**Organist** Peteria Cochran Routt

Welcome to  
WHITE BEAR LAKE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Our mission** is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.  
**Our vision** is to provide nourishment for the hungers of life.

REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  
**Sunday:** 9am to 12pm  
**Monday-Thursday** 9am to 3pm  
**Friday-Saturday** CLOSED

SUNDAY BULLETIN/WEEKLY E-BLAST  
**Have a church-related event you’d like to appear in the Sunday bulletin or the weekly e-blast?** Please email all pertinent information, including contact information, to office@wblumc.org no later than **1pm Tuesday** for the bulletin and **1pm Wednesday** for the e-blast. All information is subject to staff approval. Thank you!

To receive the weekly email update — sent every Thursday — call the office at 651-429-9026, email your request to office@wblumc.org or indicate it on a connection card.

Visit **wblumc.org** for sermon podcasts, PDFs of the 9am bulletins, the church calendar and programming info.

STAFF

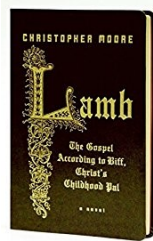
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	<b>Harry Jones</b> , Financial Secretary
	<b>Ron Houde</b> , Housekeeper

## Kids & youth update

Children's and youth Sunday School will be on break May 20 and 27. Summer Sunday programming for children and youth will begin on June 3. In June, students in grades 4-12 can stick around after church for games with Linnea until 12pm. High school programs will be on break until the fall. To volunteer with youth, email Linnea at [linnea.uhler@wblumc.org](mailto:linnea.uhler@wblumc.org).

## May book club

May's book will be *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal* by Christopher Moore. Our last meeting will be **Monday, May 21** — a week early because of Memorial Day. Book club will resume in September — have a great summer!



## Gift for Brooke & family

If you would like to contribute toward a gift from the congregation, please send a check or place a check in the offering plates with "Brooke's Gift" in the memo line. You may also contribute online at [wblumc.org/giving](http://wblumc.org/giving) — click the Online Giving button at the bottom of the page and select the fund "Brooke's Gift." Please make your contribution by **Wednesday, May 30**, since we'll give this to Brooke and her family on June 3, her last Sunday with WBLUMC.



## Update on the family we're sponsoring

Here is a picture we have permission to print in church publications of the seven-member Karenni family whom we are sponsoring. The children are all starting school this week, and the parents are enrolling in ESL classes. Our emphasis is moving from supplying the family with basic needs to helping integrate them in the community. We will keep you informed about ways to help. Thanks so much for everyone's assistance! For information on how to help, please contact Barb Hinz at 651-777-0465 or [barbhinz@juno.com](mailto:barbhinz@juno.com).

For more background, Google the name of the camp and/or the article *Refugees from Burma* by Barron, Okell, *et al*.

## An Introduction to the Protect MN organization

The Up All Night social justice action group invites you to join us at 6:30pm **Tuesday, May 15**, for a presentation by the Rev. Nancy Bence, Executive Director of Protect Minnesota. You'll hear about:

- How to balance our Constitutional rights of gun ownership and of health and safety;
- The role of faith in addressing gun violence;
- Understanding the challenges to enacting laws that promote gun safety and help prevent gun violence;
- What Protect Minnesota is doing to advocate for gun safety and to end gun violence.

All are welcome! Please invite neighbors and friends to join us in the sanctuary. You can read more at [protectmn.org](http://protectmn.org).

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## Community garden sign-ups

It's that time of year again, even if it seems late. Contact Larry or Denise Kerr at 651-484-6092 or email [denisekerr19@gmail.com](mailto:denisekerr19@gmail.com) to get your 2018 Garden Agreement and Application, or stop by the office. We're working on getting the form and payment online, too! Plots are still \$20.

## Adopt-a-Pot

With spring finally here, the large welcome urns outside our doorways are available to be sponsored. You may choose to honor a person, a group or a heartfelt memorial for individual pots or all of them. Place donations in the offering basket or give to the church office; be sure to designate Adopt-a-Pot in the memo line of your check. Also, please fill out the form on the bulletin board near the office.

~ BeFriends Ministry

## Women's golf group starts soon

Women of all ages interested in a social round of golf are invited to join this group for the 2018 season. We'll play holes of golf on Wednesday afternoons at a different course each week. We set up a schedule of courses for the summer and you indicate when you can play. Weekly tee times are based on how many women indicate their desire to play that week. After golfing those who can stay go into the club house for a beverage and for conversation.

Our first outing will be **May 23 at Gem Lake**. Let us know if you would like to play so we can add you to the e-mail list and send you the schedule. The primary contact for this group is Mary Cripe at [suzary006@comcast.net](mailto:suzary006@comcast.net); alternate contact is Carol Effertz 651-429-6023.

# "Lux Aeterna"

By Morten Lauridsen

**O magnum mysterium**

O magnum mysterium,  
et admirabile sacramentum,  
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,  
jacentem in praesepio!  
Beata Virgo, cujus viscera  
meruerunt portare  
Dominum Christum. Alleluia!

**Lux Aeterna**

**I. Introitus**

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Te decet hymnus Deus in Zion,  
et tibi redetur  
votum in Jerusalem.  
exaudi orationem meam,  
ad te omnis caro veniet.

**II. In te Domine, speravi**

Tu ad liberandum suscepturus hominem  
non horruisti Virginis uterum.  
Tu devicto mortis aculeo,  
aperuisti credentibus regna coelorum.  
Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis.  
Miserere nostri, Domine,  
Fiat misericordia tua, Domine, super nos  
quemadmodum speravimus in te.  
In te Domine, speravi:  
non confundar in aeternum.

**III. O nata lux**

O nata lux de lumine,  
Jesu redemptor saeculi,  
dignare clemens supplicum  
Laudes preces que sumere.  
Qui carne quondam contegi  
dignatus es pro perditis,  
Nos membra confer effici,  
tui beati corporis.

**O great mystery**

O great mystery,  
and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals should see the new-born Lord  
lying in their manger!  
Blessed is the Virgin whose womb  
womb was worthy to bear the  
Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

**Light Eternal**

**I. Entrance**

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine on them.  
A hymn befits thee, O God in Zion,  
and to thee a vow shall be  
fulfilled in Jerusalem.  
Hear my prayer,  
for unto thee all flesh shall come.

**II. In you, Lord, I have trusted**

To deliver us, you became human,  
and did not disdain the Virgin's womb.  
Having blunted the sting of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all to all believers.  
A light has risen in the darkness for the upright.  
Have mercy on us, Lord,  
Let your mercy, Lord, be upon us  
as we have trusted in you.  
In you, Lord, I have trusted:  
let me not be confounded in eternity.

**III. O born light**

O born light of light,  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
mercifully deem worthy and  
accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants.  
Thou who once deigned to be clothed  
in flesh for the sake of the lost ones,  
grant us to be made members  
of your holy body.

**IV. Veni Sancte Spiritus**

Veni Sancte Spiritus,  
Et emitte coelitus  
Lucis tuae radium  
Veni, pater pauperum,  
Veni, dator munerum,  
Veni, lumen cordium.

Consolatur optime,  
Dulcis hospes animae,  
Dulce refrigerium.  
In labore requies,  
In aestu temperies,  
In fletu solatium.

O lux beatissima,  
Reple cordis intima  
Tuorum fidelium.  
Sine tuo numine,  
Nihil est in homine,  
Nihil est innoxium,

Lava quod est sordidum,  
Riga quod est aridum,  
Sana quod est saucium.  
Flecta quod est rigidum,  
Fove quod est frigidum,  
Rege quod est devium.

Da tuis fidelibus,  
In te confidentibus,  
Sacrum septenarium.  
Da virtutis meritum,  
Da salutis exitum,  
Da perenne gaudium.

**V. Agnus Dei**

Agnus Dei  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona eis requiem.

...dona eis requiem sempiternam

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine.  
Cum sanctis tuis in aeternum  
quia pius es.  
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine:  
et lux perpetua luceat eis.  
Alleluia. Amen.

**IV. Come, Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Send forth from heaven  
The ray of thy light.  
Come, Father of the poor,  
Come, giver of gifts,  
Come, light of hearts.

Thou best of Consolers,  
Sweet guest of the soul,  
Sweet refreshment.  
In labor, thou art rest,  
In heat, the tempering,  
In grief, the consolation.

O Light most blessed,  
Fill the inmost heart  
Of all thy faithful.  
Without you grace,  
There is nothing in us,  
Nothing that is not harmful.

Cleanse what is sordid,  
Moisten what is arid,  
Heal what is hurt.  
Flex what is rigid,  
Fire what is frigid,  
Correct what goes astray.

Grant to thy faithful,  
Those trusting in thee,  
Thy sacred seven-fold gifts.  
Grant the reward of virtue,  
Grant the deliverance of salvation,  
Grant everlasting joy.

**V. Lamb of God**

Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sins of the world,  
grant them rest.

...grant them rest everlasting.

May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord,  
in the company of thy saints forever and ever;  
for thou are merciful.  
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
Alleluia. Amen.